FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2037 – HB 2334

March 1, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Encourages the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD), in conjunction with the Department of Correction, to study and develop a model program to provide financial incentives to businesses who employ persons convicted of felonies and under which the employee would remit an amount to the DLWD from each paycheck during the period of participation in the program.

Requires DLWD to submit a report outlining the model and any recommendations to the Governor and to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013170): Deletes all language of the original bill. Requires the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD) to report to the Governor and to the General Assembly no later than February 1, 2017, regarding existing pilot programs that focus on work programs for the successful reentry of individuals to the workforce who have been convicted of a felony. Requires the Department of Correction to provide consultation at the request of DLWD.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Department of Correction will assist DLWD in the report using existing resources during regular work hours.

- DLWD confirms the provisions of the legislation can be accomplished within existing resources without an additional appropriation or a reduced reversion.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The provisions of the bill as amended will not have any significant impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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